

SOLDIERS' HOME SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL NURSING-TEWKSBURY HOSPITAL

PHILOSOPHY

The faculty of Soldiers' Home School of Practical Nursing- Tewksbury Hospital hold certain beliefs regarding the individual, society, nursing, practical nursing, the teaching learning process, nursing education, and education as a life long process.

Each individual has certain self care requirements in common to meet basic needs. In caring for the whole person, basic physiological, psychological, social and spiritual needs must be met.

Society is a group of culturally diverse people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds living together in a community. As society changes, families, education and health structures change to maintain the whole system. The practical nurse is committed to meeting the goals of the individual and society by promoting health in the delivery of health care.

Nursing is an art and a science dedicated to the prevention of disease, the promotion of health maintenance, and restoration of the uniqueness of the individual in the community and health care facility.

The practical nurse recognizes the integral role of the nurse within the health care delivery system and demonstrates accountability in administering safe and competent nursing care. The practical nurse works in collaboration with health care professionals to provide coordinated care to individuals needing health care services.

Practical nursing education is a program of learning which is designed to provide the learner with organized instruction and individualized learning experiences. The student learns at his/her own pace. Course content is presented from simple to complex. Learning is a continuous exchange of ideas which occur among students and faculty. Each student is unique and brings to the educational environment a variety of life experiences and diversity of cultures. The student has rights: the right to question, the right to grieve and the right to evaluate the program of learning.

In order for the practical nurse to develop and keep current of the changes in nursing and society, education is an ongoing process which involves the active participation of the individual learner.

In conclusion, the faculty believes that the program evaluation is an ongoing process, and that education is a self actualizing, creative, lifetime endeavor which involves values clarification and critical thinking.

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the program, the graduate will:

- Recognize the worth, dignity, rights and uniqueness of each client.
- Integrate cultural awareness in the delivery of nursing care.
- Practice clinical skills safely and effectively.
- Apply theoretical knowledge in the delivery of nursing care.
- Utilize the nursing process to meet the self care deficits of clients.
- Utilize effective communication techniques.
- Collaborate with interdisciplinary health care team to meet the self care needs of the client.
- Instruct clients regarding health maintenance.
- Demonstrate the ability to document according to professional and legal standards.
- Apply legal, ethical and professional standards in the delivery of care.
- Utilize the principles of delegation in the management of nursing care.
- Recognize the nurse's role as an advocate in the delivery of health care.
- Demonstrate accountability for nursing practice.
- Accept the responsibility for personal and professional growth.
- Test successfully for the NCLEX-PN Examination.

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